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1. At present the infantry instruction of the Volkspolizei is concentrated on mobile warfare. Small units are getting special instruction in very heavy mortars, the newest type of machine guns, and are studying close-in fighting according to the Russian manual. Some of the younger Volkspolizei have been observed wearing side-arms for the first time. In the Rostock-Barnstorf park area there are daily exercises and on Sunday morning target practice. Light infantry weapons are used, such as model 98 carbines, and models 34 and 42 machine guns.
2. Trucks carrying large targets are often on Rostock Heath where exercises by tanks and anti-tank guns are carried out. The targets are usually towed by the trucks during firing.
3. The Russian troops are to be withdrawn from the Rostock Heath area. It is rumored that they are to be concentrated in the region of Hagenow-Parchim.
4. The Russian troops at Puetnitz and Damgarten have been reinforced; there are about 3,000 in Puetnitz alone. Planes from the Puetnitz airfield fire on balloons west of Rostock. Puetnitz is being built up at a feverish pace and the civil population is being slowly evacuated.
5. At Damgarten trucks come from Rostock on Sundays to evacuate some of the population. With the reinforcement of the Russian garrison there have been many cases of burglary, robbery and assault. Such events have taken place in broad daylight at Neustrelitz, Varen and Hagenow.

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